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Prairie dog roundup

Carol Finley, left, a biologist contracted by the Environmental Management Branch of the 377th Civil Engineer Division to monitor and track the base's burrowing owl population and assist with prairie dog relocation, helps remove a captured prairie dog from a trap. Butler is a cultural resources manager for Environmental Management. Workers in Building 1029 were concerned when prairie dogs within their fenced compound damaged the sprinkler system and threatened critical underground communications cables. Rather than exterminating the prairie dogs and their pups, Kirtland AFB officials allowed the pups born this spring time to mature so that they could survive the move. The animals were taken to a remote location on the base where they will not pose a threat and will contribute to a balanced ecosystem.

\$5.9 million: Air Force people take care of their own

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas—Air Force people are giving more than \$5.9 million to this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign—\$800,000 more than last year.

The fund raises money for four Air Force-related charities that benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families.

"The 2003 fund raising campaign was a resounding success," said Col. Gary Smith, in charge of field activities at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "From the amounts of money donated, it's obvious that Airmen appreciate the fact that these charities really help Air Force people."

This year's donations exceeded the \$4.8 million goal by 22 percent, said John Lowrance, Air Force Assistance Fund coordinator.

About 70 percent of donations are designated for the Air Force Aid Society, the largest of the four charities.

"Since September 11, 2001, requests for (Air Force Aid Society) assistance increased 13 percent," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society's chief executive officer. "In 2002, we helped 34,000 people with \$24.1 million of assistance—that's a lot of help!"

Airmen are asked during the campaign to contribute to one or more assistance fund charities through cash, check or payroll deduction. The charities include the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

This was the 30th year for the campaign. For more information visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

cVIP speeds job-application process

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN)—New and current civilian employees inprocessing or being assigned to new positions in the Air Force can now fill out many of the employment forms on-line, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

Applicants who have been contacted with a tentative job offer can use the Web-based Civilian Virtual Inprocessing Procedure to fill out forms before or instead of going to their civilian personnel flight, said Maureen Weber.

Weber is the lead human resources specialist with the directorate of civilian personnel operations.

"One of the most attractive features of cVIP is that it saves the customer time by capturing repetitive-type information the employee enters on one form, such as name and Social Security number, and inputting the data automatically on other forms as they are filled out," she said.

The cVIP also allows for electronic authentication for signatures, certification and approvals. Electronic authentication is the process through which the identity of a computer or network user is verified and ensures that an individual is, in fact, who he or she claims to be.

More information on Air Force civilian employment is at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs/>.

POLICE BLOTTER

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During May, Security Forces responded to 55 unannounced alarm activations, seven unsecured buildings, 18 stray dogs and 21 traffic accidents. They issued 315 traffic citations. The most frequently cited moving violation was speeding—96 citations with fines averaging \$58. The most frequent nonmoving violation was illegal parking: 65 citations.

May 9

A civilian stopped for running a red flashing light was found to have a suspended/revoked driver's license with a failure to appear in court. He was released to Isleta Police Department, received two citations and ordered not to drive on the base for two years.

The Wyoming Gate sentry stopped a suspected drunken driver. The driver, who was a civilian with no base affiliation, consented to and failed field sobriety tests. He was transported to the Law Enforcement Desk where his Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The driver was cited for DWI and ordered not to reenter the base.

May 10

A BX store detective reported to the Law Enforcement Desk that he had detained a dependent of a military member for shoplifting. The detective advised Security Forces he witnessed the dependant enter the dressing rooms with items and exit without them. Security Forces searched the subject and found four packs of Yu-Gi-Oh cards, valued at \$15.96. The subject's shopping privileges were suspended for one year.

NOTE: Suspending shopping privileges for one year is standard practice for all personnel caught shoplifting. This letter bars the individual from entering the BX, Shoppette, Commissary, movie theatre and other exchange service locations.

A BX store detective called the Law Enforcement Desk after detaining two juveniles, one a dependent of a retired military member and the other a child of a civilian with no base affiliation, for shoplifting. Security Forces viewed the camera tape and observed the dependent son remove a computer video game from a box and place it in his pocket. A one-year written order to not reenter Kirtland AFB was issued to the non-base affiliated civilian. The dependents shopping privileges were suspended for one year.

NOTE: The 377th Air Base Wing commander has the authority to order personnel not to enter Kirtland AFB. Personnel caught violating the order will be arrested for criminal trespass.

May 13

A BX store detective called the Law Enforcement Desk after detaining an individual for shoplifting. Security Forces viewed the camera tape and observed a civilian hide numerous CDs and DVDs around the store, then depart. Approximately one hour later the subject returned, placed an X-Box game console, 12 CDs, and one DVD valued at \$378 into a shopping cart, and departed the store. The store detective contacted the subject and initiated a search. The individual was detained and transported to the Law Enforcement Desk, where he was charged with shoplifting. A one-year written order to not reenter Kirtland AFB was issued.

NOTE: A military member sponsored the civilian on base. The military member's commander took appropriate action against the military member for failure to supervise her sponsored guest. Sponsors of guests are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their guests at all times while they are on the installation.

While conducting a walk through of a dormitory, Security Forces made contact with a military member who tried to hide three beers while walking back to his room. The patrolmen determined the dorm resident was drinking and underage. The subject was apprehended for underage drinking.

May 17

A dependent wife of a military member called the Law Enforcement Desk because her husband took her mail and was not going to return it. Security Forces arrived on scene and made contact with the military member, who stated that during a verbal disagreement he was struck in the face several times by his wife. The wife was transported to the Law Enforcement Desk and charged with assault on a household member.

May 18

The Sandia Crest Club manager called the Law Enforcement Desk to report a fight at the outside of the club near the smoking area. Security Forces made contact with two individuals involved in the altercation. A military member and base-affiliated civilian were detained and transported to the Law Enforcement Desk. The civilian stated he had asked the military member for a cigarette, the military member "got in his face" and spit on him, so he hit him.

Both were charged with assault and the military member was also charged with drunk and disorderly.

May 19

A military member called the Law Enforcement Desk to report a possible child neglect case in base housing. Upon arrival, Security Forces made contact with a military member, who stated he found a small child wandering around, wearing only a dirty diaper and a T-shirt. A wife of a military member then telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk's E-911 system about her missing child. Patrolmen responded to the residence and made contact with the mother. Upon further investigation, the house was found to be poorly kept and filthy. The mother was detained and charged with abandonment or abuse of a child. The case was sent to the state child protective services agency.

A Commissary employee telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk and said a large canine was locked in a vehicle in the Commissary parking lot. The dog was panting, crying and pacing in the vehicle. A records check revealed the vehicle was registered to a military member. Patrolmen contacted the military member, who refused to provide valid identification. The subject was detained and charged with cruelty to animals, failure to identify and resisting arrest.

May 20

A BX store detective telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk, reporting that she had detained a dependent wife of a retired military member for shoplifting. On arrival, patrolmen viewed the camera tape and observed the dependent wife removing a 50-percent-off tag from a discounted item and placing it on a regular priced item, before attempting to purchase the item. The subject's exchange service shopping privileges were suspended for one year.

May 23

A military member phoned the Law Enforcement Desk after detecting the odor of alcohol on her military coworker. The military member admitted to responding patrolmen that she was drinking prior to coming to work. The subject was apprehended for drunk on duty.

The Gibson Gate sentry radioed the Law Enforcement Desk, relating that a possible drunken driver had entered the Gibson gate. Security Forces initiated a traffic stop on a civilian with no base affiliation. The subject, who was advised of the New Mexico Implied Consent Policy, refused to provide a breath sample. A records check revealed the driver's license was revoked. The Albu-

querque Police Department responded, arresting the subject and transporting him to the Bernalillo County Detention Center.

A BX store detective telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk after detaining a juvenile for shoplifting. Patrolmen viewed the camera tape and observed the dependent son of a retired military member concealing on his person a pair of Nike shorts, a Fossil leather belt, a bottle of Lucky You cologne and canister of Curve aftershave, totaling \$106. The juvenile's exchange service shopping privileges were suspended for one year.

May 24

A Security Forces member requested a records check on a base-affiliated civilian while conducting selective enforcement on the outbound lane of Truman Gate. The check revealed the subject previously did not provide valid proof of insurance and had several violations. The patrolman discovered a small amount of a green leafy substance in the civilian's ashtray while conducting a search of the vehicle. The substance tested positive for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The subject was placed into custody, transported to the Law Enforcement Desk and charged with failure to wear a seatbelt, failure to provide proof of valid insurance and possession of a controlled substance. He was also issued a one-year order to not reenter Kirtland AFB.

May 25

A Shoppette employee called the Law Enforcement Desk after she had detained a juvenile dependent son of a retired military member for shoplifting. The employee stated she observed the subject take a pack of cigarettes and place them in his pocket, then depart the store without paying. Security Forces detained and transported the subject to the Law Enforcement Desk, where he was released to his father. The juvenile's exchange service shopping privileges were suspended for one year.

May 26

The Wyoming Gate sentry stopped a possible drunken driver during 100 percent identification and seatbelt checks after detecting a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Security Forces identified the driver as a retired military member. After the patrolmen advised the subject of the New Mexico Implied Consent Policy, the individual refused to provide a breath sample. The subject was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated and was issued a revocation of his on-base driving privileges.